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AND APRIL 11 CONSULTATIONS WITH BIAC AND TUAC

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1. SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: OECD SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS
HAVE BRIEFED MISSION ON THEIR DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK WITH
CIME ACTING CHAIRMAN STEN NIKLASSON. LATTER OUTLINED
VIEWS REPORTED BELOW (PARAS. 2-4) REGARDING POSSIBLE
PRESS RELEASE ON CIME ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION OF
APRIL 11 CONSULTATIONS WITH BIAC AND TUAC. NLKLASSON
INDICATED HE PLANNED TO DISCUSS HIS IDEAS WITH U.S. AND
OTHER OECD MEMBERS ATTENDING TNC CODE OF CONDUCT MEET-
ING IN NEW YORK WHICH BEGINS MARCH 20. ACCORDINGLY,
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INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSION REQUESTED REFTTEL A SHOULD BE
POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THESE CONTACTS. END SUMMARY

2. ON PRESS CONTACTS ISSUE, NIKLASSON FAVORS FORMAT
OF HIS BEING AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FOR THE
PRESS ON EVENING OF APRIL 11 (AFTER CIME CONSULTATIONS
WITH BIAC AND TUAC). HE OBJECTS TO ISSUANCE OF PRESS

NOTE PRIOR TO CIME MEETING ON ARGUMENT IT WOULD LEAVE HIM LITTLE TO SAY IN PRESS BRIEFING. HE WOULD RATHER RESERVE POSSIBILITY OF BEING ABLE TO DRAW ON INFORMATION IN AN AGREED PRESS NOTE IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS (AND INDICATES THIS WOULD ALSO HELP IN BROADENING THE PRESS CONTACT FROM BEING CONCERNED ONLY WITH TUAC/BIAC CONSULTATIONS.) THE TEXT OF THE PRESS NOTE ITSELF WOULD THEN BE ISSUED AFTER THE BRIEFING ON EVENING OF CONSULTATION.

3. WITH REGARD TO SUBSTANCE OF APRIL 11 CONSULTATIONS, NIKLASSON BELIEVES THAT CIME SHOULD BE MORE THAN SILENT LISTENER. SPECIFICALLY, HE WOULD LIKE TO GO BEYOND DECEMBER LETTER TO TUAC IN INDICATING THAT CIME HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN CONSIDERING ISSUES RAISED AT LAST YEAR'S CONSULTATIONS. HE PLANS TO TALK TO PHILIPPE LEVY IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK TO SEE IF LEVY, IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY BUT DRAWING ON HIS EXPERIENCE AS CHAIRMAN OF AD HOC GROUP ON TUAC CASES, WOULD BE WILLING TO DESCRIBE ORALLY FOR TUAC THE TENOR OF THE AD HOC GROUP'S DELIBERATIONS -- ALONG LINES OF PARAGRAPH 8 OF PRESENT TEXT OF DRAFT PRESS NOTE (REF. B).

4. ON FORMAT OF APRIL 11 CONSULTATIONS, NIKLASSON HAS SUGGESTED THAT 4-5 MEMBERS OF BIAC BE PRESENT AT CONSULTATIONS WITH TUAC AND VICE VERSA. THESE "OBSERVERS" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD (BRIEFLY) ASK QUESTIONS OR MAKE COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR. (COMMENT: THIS IDEA HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AND FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY BOTH BIAC AND TUAC.)

5. SINCE ABOVE MATTERS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK, SECRETARIAT FORESEES NO NEED FOR MEETING AT PERMANENT DELEGATION LEVEL HERE UNTIL AFTER NIKLASSON'S CONTACTS IN NEW YORK. IN MEANTIME, SECRETARIAT IS WORKING ON A REVISED TEXT OF A POSSIBLE PRESS NOTE. CONSEQUENTLY, MISSION WILL NOT NEED GUIDANCE ON PRESS RELEASE AS URGENTLY AS INDICATED IN REF. A. WE WOULD APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, BEING KEPT INFORMED OF ANY RELEVANT DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK AND RECEIVING THE REQUESTED GUIDANCE AS SOON AS RESULTS OF NEW YORK TALKS CAN BE FACTORED INTO SUCH INSTRUCTIONS. SALZMAN

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